(c) Coal India Ltd., itself does not produce any power. However, about 18MW thermal power is generated by the captive power plant at Eastern Coalfields Ltd. In addition, there are a number of small DG sets which are run during load-shedding.

New directions of CIL

*283. SHRMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent directions of Coal India Limited securing 100% advance bank guarantee from the non-core sector coal consumers for supply of sponsored coal quota has adversely hit the brick and tile manufacturing industry, resulting into disruption in construction industry and rendering lakhs of construction workers jobless; and

(b) whether his Ministry has received any representations from affected industries urging immediate withdrawal of the directions issued by CIL, if so, the reaction of Government thereto and by when such directions would be revoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited have recently taken a decision to cover all non-core sector order bookings by full financial coverage for sake of uniformity, to protect their commercial interests and to discourage speculative order bookings. Representations have been received, favouring and criticising the decision. This is a commercial decision taken by Coal India Limited, which will also help genuine consumers and discourage speculation. Coal India Limited do not propose to revoke their decision.

New deduction of CPF from the employees of NPC in Army Postal Service Corps.

*284 SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI HIPHEI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that Contributory Provident Fund is not being deducted from the employees of the Newspaper Centre (NPC) of the Army Postal Service Corps.;

(b) whether the aggrieved employees of the Newspaper Centre had approached the Labour Ministry for its intervention;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; when orders were issued by the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner in 1989; and

(d) what are the reasons for not admitting the employees to CPF and what action Government contemplate to take to protect the interests of the employees serving the Centre since its inception in 1966?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The News Paper Centre of Army Postal Service Corps was inspected by the Enforcement Officer of the E.P.F. Organisation on 19-10-89. As per the records furnished by the establishment, it was found coverable under the EPF and MP Act 1952 with effect from 1-10-89. Accordingly, on 12-12-89, the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi issued a letter asking the establishment to comply with the provisions of the Act. Subsequently, a show cause notice for delay in compliance was also issued to the establishment. In response to this notice, the establishment reported that the employees of the Centre had filed a Writ Petition in the Supreme Court for treating them as Government employees and for extending all benefits as available to the Central Government employees.

The EPF and MP Act is not applicable to the Government servants. As such pending decision of the Supreme Court on the Writ Petition, the question of coverage of this establisnment under the EPF and MP Act has been kept in abeyance.